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## LIFE IN DEATH HOUSE "WORSE THAN HELL"

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NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—"What is the worst thing about the death house?" This was asked by a World reporter of Charles Di Martino, the slayer of Patrolman Patrick Catter in August, 1913, who, after twice being doomed to die in the electric chair, will go back to Sing Sing to serve five years in prison.

"Your own thoughts," came the prompt reply.

Di Martino is qualified to speak, for since his two convictions for murder in the first degree he has been twenty-seven months in the death house and has seen forty men led out to die in the adjoining room.

"You want to know what the death house does to a man," he said. "Look at me. When I went there the first time I was scarcely more than a boy. My cheeks were red and full, my face always smiling. Now my cheeks are sunken like those of an old man. I feel like an old man. Yet that was less than three years ago."

Would Prefer Quick Death.

"There is not a man in the death house who does not believe that if it were not for the possibility of an appeal, it would be more kind to kill the man the day he is sentenced than to keep him there day after day, living in fear, simulating composure for the sake of others whom he knows he ought to cheer up, and all the time hoping against hope for some good news from the outside world."

"You ask me to describe life in the death house. There is no life in the death house; it is a living death, for it is living between life and death, and when the governor gives a man a reprieve for sixty or ninety days it often prolongs his agony only that much longer."

"I have seen forty men go through the door through which they never returned. I think that some of them were innocent. Although I pleaded guilty I have always regarded myself as innocent, and I know some of them felt just as I did. They came to hate the world; they felt that they wanted to tear away the bars of the prison with their hands and tear the throats of those who were keeping them there."

Prayer for Relief from Suspense.

"What did we do up there? We used to get down on our knees every night and each man pray aloud to God that the next day would bring him some relief from the terrible suspense which was always with him. I used to go to bed and dream that I was free, out walking about the streets, living like a free man. Yet the morning when I woke up the shock was terrible. There was not a man there who did not tell me he had these dreams."

"Strange to say, the conversation up there is almost always cheerful. That is because each man is trying to buoy the others up and to do so must conceal his own feelings. No man I saw there ever talked about his case or admitted his guilt. What we talked about was what the supreme court or the governor was doing and our expectations for the future. Yet the thought of the door was never out of my mind and the fear that at

one time I would be led through it.

"A lot of bunk has been printed about the bravery with which some of the men went to the chair. I think some of them were doped before they went, but however that may be, we were not behind. Behind those men went with every nerve in their bodies shaking, and they would have given their souls for a commutation to life imprisonment."

Dead in World's Estimate.

"One of the worst things is the realization that, so far as the rest of the world is concerned, you are dead when you enter the death house—that, so far as the rest of the world is concerned, you might as well be a dog. If people would only realize that we are still human."

Then there were always relatives of the prisoners coming in and weeping and crying and trying to make things better for us, but always making it harder. Mothers or sisters would come in the night before an execution and would beg the keeper for one last kiss, and it was denied them. There were the mornings of the executions. We used to go to bed the night before wishing we might sleep until it was all over. And in the early mornings we would wake and try to go to sleep again, but it was no use, for at the last minute the keeper would always awaken us by pulling down the cell curtains. We would make a pretense of calling out goodby to the man as he left, for it seemed to us as though it was the right thing to do, but there was no heart in it.

"People used to be allowed to come in the death house and look at us. They acted as though we were caged animals instead of human beings, and we hated them for it."

Gunmen's End Worst Shock.

"I think the worst morning we ever had there was when the four gunmen who killed Herman Rosenthal were executed. People came in and out of the death house all night, and nobody got any sleep. And then the boys went away in the morning crying and praying, and we behind counted on our hands until we knew the last one was gone. Then came the death house peace again."

"I remember too how the 'Paper Box Kid' felt as though the whole world had fallen on him when he got the final news that he must die. After that he was wailing and groaning and there was no peace for any of us. I think he really went crazy toward the last. A lot of them do, for the brooding is more than any man can stand. It is a fact that while I was in the death house I never looked at the door leading beyond, for I was afraid of it. Yet I did not really believe I would ever go through it."

"Up in the death house it doesn't matter what is our nationality or what our former position in life. We are all friends and we talk as friends and act as friends, and we do all we can to help one another. Most of them don't think Arthur Waite is in his right mind. He is like a child, he seems so simple. Sometimes he cries and seems sorry for what he has done and he talks nice to everybody and is kind."

Schmidt a Real Friend.

"Hans Schmidt was another. He went about doing all the good he

could. If anybody wanted a letter written he wrote it or he would read to those who could not read. Becker was calm to the last and I do not believe he ever really believed he would be executed."

"As for the life, there is nothing but thinking. We have one hour a day to talk in the courtyard, but we don't have that hour every day, because on Tuesdays we are shaved instead, and on Thursdays we are shaved again and on Saturdays we take a bath."

"You think about a thousand things. You wish you were a boy again and think how you would appreciate the opportunities that were offered to you and how good you would be if you only had it all to go over again. Then suddenly you wake up to the hopelessness of your thoughts."

"I believe that if capital punishment were abolished there would be fewer murders, for this reason. That the average man has been in the death house he thinks death is preferable to a life in prison. It is only after he has been there and seen it all that he realizes the death house is worse than hell."

## DEATH TAKES HEAVY TOLL IN RANDOLPH

Number of Children and Several Aged Persons Called by Grim Reaper.

(SPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAM)

ELKINS, Dec. 30.—Kins and its vicinity have been sorely stricken by deaths during the last week, a number of children having succumbed to various ailments, and several aged persons having been called away.

William Randolph Daniels.

William Randolph, little four-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Daniels, was a victim of pneumonia.

Martha Louise Sanderson.

Martha Louise Sanderson, aged 10 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert C. Sanderson, died of heart disease.

Alan Heatherly Bowers.

Alan Heatherly Bowers, aged eight years, son of Attorney and Mrs. E. A. Bowers, died of infantile paralysis.

Orville Lutz.

Orville Lutz, aged seven years, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Lutz, was a victim of pneumonia.

Virginia Koonz.

Virginia Koonz, aged three years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Koonz, was claimed by blood poisoning.

Ernest J. Young.

Ernest J. Young, aged two years, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Young, died of obstruction of the bowels.

Mrs. Martha Shreve.

Mrs. Martha Shreve, aged 86 years, eight months and eleven days, died Sunday at the home of her son, Deputy Sheriff James Shreve. Mrs. Shreve was born April 3, 1830, in Virginia, and was one of the oldest and most widely known women in Randolph county. The body was buried at Valley Bend.

Mrs. Mary J. Delaney.

Mrs. Mary J. Delaney, aged 51 years, wife of A. J. Delaney, died Tuesday of cirrhosis of the liver. Interment was made in Maplewood cemetery Wednesday. Mrs. Delaney was formerly of Gratton.

Alba C. Kelley.

Alba C. Kelley, aged 57 years, of Montrose, Randolph county, died in North Carolina, where he had gone to spend the winter with his daughter, hoping to find relief from tuberculosis. The body was brought to Montrose and buried Thursday.

George Fitzwater.

George Fitzwater, aged 70 years, died at Montrose Tuesday. Interment was at Lambert chapel, Barbours county, Wednesday.

Mrs. Sarah Phillips.

Mrs. Sarah Phillips, aged 65 years, died at the home of her son at Montrose Tuesday morning of kidney trouble. The body was buried in the family cemetery there Thursday.

Conley Smith.

Conley Smith, aged 18 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Smith, of Queens, died suddenly of heart disease.

Annual Dance.

The Bachelors Club held its annual Christmas dance in Nathan hall Monday night with about fifty couples in attendance. Music was rendered by the Elkins Saxophone orchestra of five pieces, and the hall was artistically decorated. Joe Nallen was in charge of the arrangements.

Elks Hold Dance.

Elks Lodge No. 1135, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, held its annual Christmas dance in Nathan hall Wednesday night. Forty-five couples participated.

New Year's Dance.

A New Year's dance will be held in Nathan hall Monday night, January 1.

Open House.

The annual open house of the Elkins Young Men's Christian Association will be observed on New Year's day. The usual calendar exhibit will be held in the library, art and business calendars from many countries being on exhibition. The building has been decorated for the holiday season and presents a very attractive appearance.

Opening Postponed.

Opening of the Elkins public schools following the Christmas holidays has been postponed from January 3 to January 9, on account of the quarantine established by the board of health following the death of Attorney E. A. Bowers's little son of what is believed to have been a case of infantile paralysis.

Personals.

Mrs. Harry F. Phares is visiting her parents at Marlinton.

Miss Floy Yokum has returned to Cassaway, after spending the Christmas holidays with her parents.

Mrs. W. D. Baldwin and children have returned from a visit in Bald-

## SIX THOUSAND GIFTS MAILED FROM WESTON

Record Business of Postoffice  
Last Christmas Far Eclipsed  
This Year.

WESTON, Dec. 30.—Six thousand one hundred and eighty-seven packages were received at the local postoffice for mailing this Christmas, an increase of 1,543 over last year. A total of 182 sacks were dispatched Friday before Christmas, the morning mail taking out ninety-nine of them. It is the biggest business ever handled at the local postoffice. The force and Postmaster Lively deserve much credit. About the first of the year Mr. Lively will take up the matter with officials in regard to getting the mail up from No. 11 at Clarksburg on the 5:38 car, making it arrive here at 7 instead of 8 p. m. This would be a great convenience to the public and will possibly be put in force soon.

Dates Changed.

The home talent to be given by the ladies of the Woman's Club and Wednesday Club at the high school auditorium, has been announced two days earlier, January 2 and 3 being the new dates. Proceeds are for a public library.

To Run Full Force.

It is understood that the Travis glass plant at Homewood will open full force about the middle of January, giving employment to about seventy-five men.

Brother Dead.

Word has been received here of the death of a former citizen, John M. Hamilton, at his home at Grantsville. He was a brother of our townsman, Dr. George M. Hamilton.

Enjoyable Dance.

The Catholic Club held a dance at the Parochial school auditorium on Wednesday evening. A large crowd was in attendance.

Lord Roberts Sold.

At the Bennett sale here which began Thursday, Lord Roberts, the noted stallion with a record of 2:07 1/4, was sold to a man from Nebraska for \$2,600. He will remove him and other purchases to his home state. A large crowd was in attendance.

Watch Meeting.

At 11 o'clock Sunday night at the Methodist Episcopal church an old fashioned watch meeting will be held. The Rev. J. C. Teter, of Florida, will deliver an address.

Able to Leave.

Mrs. Mary Steinbeck, who has been in a hospital at Columbus, was able to leave this week and will spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. J. P. Wilson, at Rymersburg, Pa.

Goes to Charleston.

The Hon. James Bassel, the aged veteran, leaves today for Charleston, where he will represent this county in the legislature. In the session which will convene about January 10, the colonel believes in getting in on the ground floor early.

Program for Week of Prayer.

Monday, January 1, Episcopal church; the Rev. John Beddow, leader. Topic: "The Problem of Church Attendance in Weston."

Tuesday, January 2, Methodist Episcopal church; the Rev. C. A. Lerner, leader. Topic: "Our Sunday Schools and Work among the Young People."

Wednesday, January 3, Methodist Protestant church; the Rev. W. H. Scott, leader. Topic: "Reaching the Man without a Church."

Thursday, January 4, Presbyterian church; the Rev. H. B. Lee, leader. Topic: "Methods of Evangelism."

Friday, January 5, United Brethren church; the Rev. E. E. White, leader. Topic: "Bible Study."

Saturday, January 6, Baptist church; the Rev. E. A. Brooks, leader. Topic: "The Meaning of Prayer."

The public is cordially invited to all these services.

May Live in Weston.

Prof. L. O. Wilson, colored, state librarian at Charleston, was in the city a few days this week. He will return to this city to live. If the new administration removes him from the chair which he has held for about two years, with credit.

Personals.

Arrie Stutler, foreman of the Record at Buckhannon, was in the city Thursday on his return from Parkersburg, where he and his wife had been on a visit. He visited Mr. W. Stazel on West Second street, while here.

Dr. Clarence Moore, of Virginia, visited Dr. Charles Aspinall this week. These popular young men are thinking of opening up a dental parlor here.

R. A. Tucker, who spent the summer here, is now located in Alcoa, Tenn.

more.

Miss Bertha B. Heatherly has returned to Wheeling, after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Heatherly.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Sinclair have returned from a visit to Cumberland, Mr.

Miss Gladys Zerbe, of the J. C. Blair Memorial hospital, of Huntington, Pa., is a guest of her mother, Mrs. Mary E. Zerbe.

James B. Sacks, of Clarksburg, has returned home after a visit with his father, John F. Sacks, of Beverly.

Miss Elizabeth Taylor, a teacher in the Morgantown schools, is spending the holidays with Elkins relatives.

O. J. Mann and sons, of New York, have returned home after a visit with Mr. Mann's daughter, Mrs. E. M. Morris.

## NO "PIPE" DREAM

But the True Tale of a  
Pipe Bank

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—When Paul Dietz, a Chicago mechanic, thought of constructing a savings bank out of a one and three-quarters inch gas pipe which was threaded and capped at both ends, he evidently figured he had a vault as good as that of any bank.

However, Dietz was mistaken, as he had a fire in his home recently, with the result that the pipe was heated up to a considerable extent and the money he had put in it—\$10—was charred almost beyond recognition.

When the bank was recovered from the ashes, Dietz had forethought enough to send it to the redemption division of the treasury department asking \$210 reimbursement. When the unusual bank was opened by treasury experts they found a mass of paper baked black.

Dietz had informed the treasury department the bank contained ten \$20 bills and one \$10 bill. However, after the experts had worked several days they found Dietz was wrong—there were nine \$20 bills, two \$10 bills and two \$5 bills. The treasury department sent him \$210 in brand new bills.

It is probable Dietz will have to construct another bank, as the treasury department is keeping the old one for a souvenir.

## TOWN COUNCIL OF RICHWOOD 'PASSES BUCK'

Tables Gas Franchise Matter,  
Leaving Question Up to  
Incoming Body.

(SPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAM)

RICHWOOD, Dec. 30.—At a meeting of the town council held last Thursday evening the question of granting a franchise to some parties from Clarksburg and Elkins to lay pipe lines and mains for the purpose of putting natural gas into Richwood, came up and was discussed pro and con, and the council by a unanimous vote decided to table the matter and thus pass it up to the new council to be elected on next Thursday.

The proposed ordinance granting a hunting hardware concern the right to place metal boxes or other receptacles on the streets of the town for the purpose of taking care of the waste paper, etc., came up and passed its first reading. The hardware people, referred to above, propose to install these waste paper boxes at their own expense for the benefit they hope to receive from the advertisement which they will have on the boxes.

Uncle George Bond.

"Uncle" George W. Robertson, the newly elected justice of the peace for this part of Beaver district has given bond and otherwise legally qualified and is now ready to enter upon his judicial duties, on next Monday. The first case claiming his attention will be in a dispute between some parties from over on Cranberry over the possession of a sow and pigs. The matter will present some complicated and interesting features, and will apparently require a modern Solomon to determine the rightful owner.

However, it is confidently believed that Squire George will be able to satisfactorily handle it.

Hurd Able to be Out.

G. E. Hurd, South Side merchant, is able to be out again, by the aid of crutches, after having been confined to his room for the last two weeks on account of a sprained ankle.

Alderson After Federal Job?

F. N. Alderson returned last evening from an extended trip to Charleston, and other points. It is currently an applicant for the job of district attorney for the Southern district, and could he decide to enter the lists, is a pretty sure guess that he will like it mighty interesting for the other contestants.

Wesleyan Wins.

Fifty-six to eleven in favor of the visiting team, was the score between the Buckhannon Wesleyan and the Richwood basketball teams in a game played here Thursday night at the skating rink.

Complete Appraisement.

Major Jones, Bern White and E. D. Dorsey, appraisers appointed by the court, have completed the appraisement of the Sparks Brothers store here. This was made necessary on account of the death some months ago of Edgar Sparks, one of the partners of the company.

Teachers Return.

The teachers in the public schools here who have been away for the holiday vacation, are returning to again enter upon their duties. The schools will reopen on Tuesday, January 2.

On Business Visit.

W. W. W. of Lexington, Va., was a business visitor here this week. Mr. Preston was formerly in the show business here, and at present is proprietor of a theater in his home town, but he has found time to attend Washington and Lee University, as a law student, and has completed the third year law course.

Interesting Programs.

The Sunday schools of the two Methodist churches here, the Methodist Episcopal, and the Methodist Episcopal South, both rendered appropriate and interesting programs during the Yuletide. The exercises were chiefly given by the children of the schools who acquitted themselves nobly, and reflected credit on those who had the affairs in charge.

Treasury Replenished.

Christmas holidays passed off moderately quiet, although there were quite a number of arrests made for

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\$30 to \$35.00 Suits reduced to.....\$22.00

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plain drinks, and when the culprits were arraigned before Judge McCung they invariably received the customary "\$5.00" sentence and paid, and thus the exchequer of the town was considerably replenished.

Anent the Cost of Living.

Will Lenzore, an employee of the Cherry River Boom and Lumber Company here has advertised that he will open up a shoe repair shop at his home where he will do repair work after work hours. Will says that the high cost of living under the present administration makes it extremely hard on the laboring man to make ends meet even though he is receiving apparently good wages—and he is right. Wages are higher than ever before but with the present high prices of all kinds of food stuffs, coal and all other articles, it makes it difficult indeed for the average man to live and keep out of debt.

Personals.

J. H. Landacre, yard foreman for the Cherry River Boom and Lumber Company here spent a few days during the holiday season with friends in Pittsburgh.

Miss Ada Hamrick, of Clarksburg, and who is teaching at Bristol, was a guest of her sister, Mrs. L. A. Thomas, of this place, during the holidays.

Dr. O. O. Bennett and family, of New Orleans, La., where he goes to take a special course in a medical college.

Joe Smith, formerly a resident of this town, but now of Akron, O., spent his holiday vacation with Richwood friends.

Brooks Bank, superintendent of the Cherry River Paper Company, at this place, who has been spending some time at Philadelphia, is expected home today.

Dr. O. O. Bennette and family, of Webster county, are here, guests of Dr. E. C. Bennett.

Tennis courts made of rubber have been invented by an Englishman.

## THINK ARTIST IS STILL ALIVE

Friends of New York Girl  
Hope She is Not a  
Suicide.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Some of the friends of Miss Christine Wright, the artist, who disappeared from her studio, 5 West Sixteenth street, Monday evening, and whose fur coat was later found on a pier at West Seventeenth street, expressed hope that it may be found she has not committed suicide.

John Newton Hoyt, an artist at 147 West Twenty-third street, who has known Miss Wright for years, says he hopes the theory advanced by other friends that Miss Wright may be alive is true.

"This was a considerable shock to me," he said. "Years ago we met more frequently than of late, but I saw her three weeks ago. In fact, we were together all day."

"We talked on many subjects, and I did not notice anything the matter with Miss Wright. I knew she was much disappointed about some phases of her work, but I consider this scarcely of sufficient importance to prompt her to end her life. She was making an effort, I know, to think of other things, but I never knew she had gone deeply into psychoanalysis."

Three deposits of coal in Haiti have been investigated by French engineers and efforts will be made to develop them.

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